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In re application of:

Kouji Arikawa et al.

Application No.: 10/731,599

Filed: December 8, 2003

For: Method and Apparatus for Optical
Head and Optical Information
Reproducing

Examiner: Nabil Z. Hindi

Art Unit: 2655

**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL
FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §
1.313(a)**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(a), Applicant hereby petitions for the withdrawal of this application from issue. This request for withdrawal from issue is being filed in order that a timely filed Information Disclosure Statement made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) can be considered by the Examiner. The necessity for the instant petition is based on the following course of events:

- On November 3, 2004, a Notice of Allowance was mailed.
- On November 18, 2004, the undersigned was informed of references cited in a September 7, 2004 Office action from the JIPO.
- On November 22, 2004, an IDS was mailed, submitting the references cited in the JIPO Office action. A certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) was made and a fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) was paid. The IDS was filed in the PTO on November 23. Submitted herewith as Exhibit A is a copy of the IDS and a copy of the stamped postcard showing receipt of the IDS.
- On December 14, 2004, a voice mail message was left with the Examiner to inquiry as to the status of the IDS.
- On December 29, 2004, the Examiner was contacted. The Examiner did not have the file at that time.

- On January 14, 2005, a PAIRS report was obtained (included herewith as Exhibit B). The report shows no indication that any action on the IDS has been taken.
- On January 20, 2005, another PAIRS report was obtained (included herewith as Exhibit C). The report continues to show that no action has been taken on the IDS and further that the application has now proceed to "Receipt to Pubs" indicating that the Examiner may no longer have access to the file.

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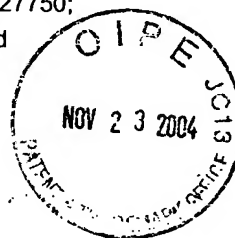
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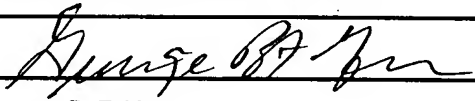
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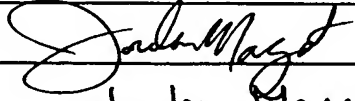
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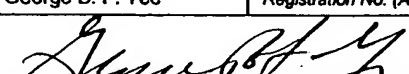
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Also enclosed is a copy of an Office Action dated September 7, 2004 issued from the Japan Intellectual Property Office (JIPO) for the corresponding Japanese patent application 11-327750 which cites the enclosed references. The JIPO examiner cited Japanese patent application JP09-274730 which is the priority application to U.S. Patent No. 5,875,167 and is enclosed herein for the convenience of the examiner.

It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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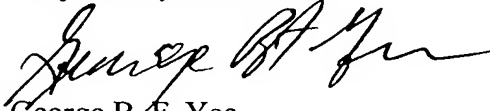
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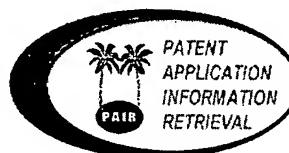
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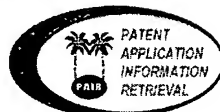
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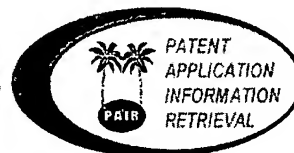
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